

## What Is Being Done?

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is investing approximately \$30 million to construct a new interchange on I-96 at 36th Street in Kent County. The project also includes the reconstruction of 2.1 miles of I-96, drainage improvements and detention basins, retaining walls, wetlands, traffic signals, signing, and pavement markings.

## How Will Traffic Be Affected?

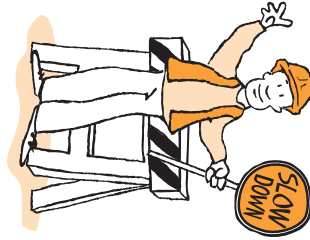
Because I-96 is a heavily traveled commuter and commercial route, the road and bridge work for this project was divided into stages to minimize the overall impact to motorists.

In 2005, eastbound I-96 traffic was shifted to the westbound lanes using median crossovers during the reconstruction of eastbound I-96 and the construction of the new bridge and ramps to 36th Street. One lane of eastbound traffic and two lanes of westbound traffic will be maintained during this stage.

In 2006, westbound I-96 traffic will be shifted to the eastbound lanes using median crossovers to facilitate the reconstruction of westbound I-96 and the construction of the new bridges and ramps to 36th Street. Two lanes of westbound traffic and two lanes of eastbound traffic will be maintained during this stage.

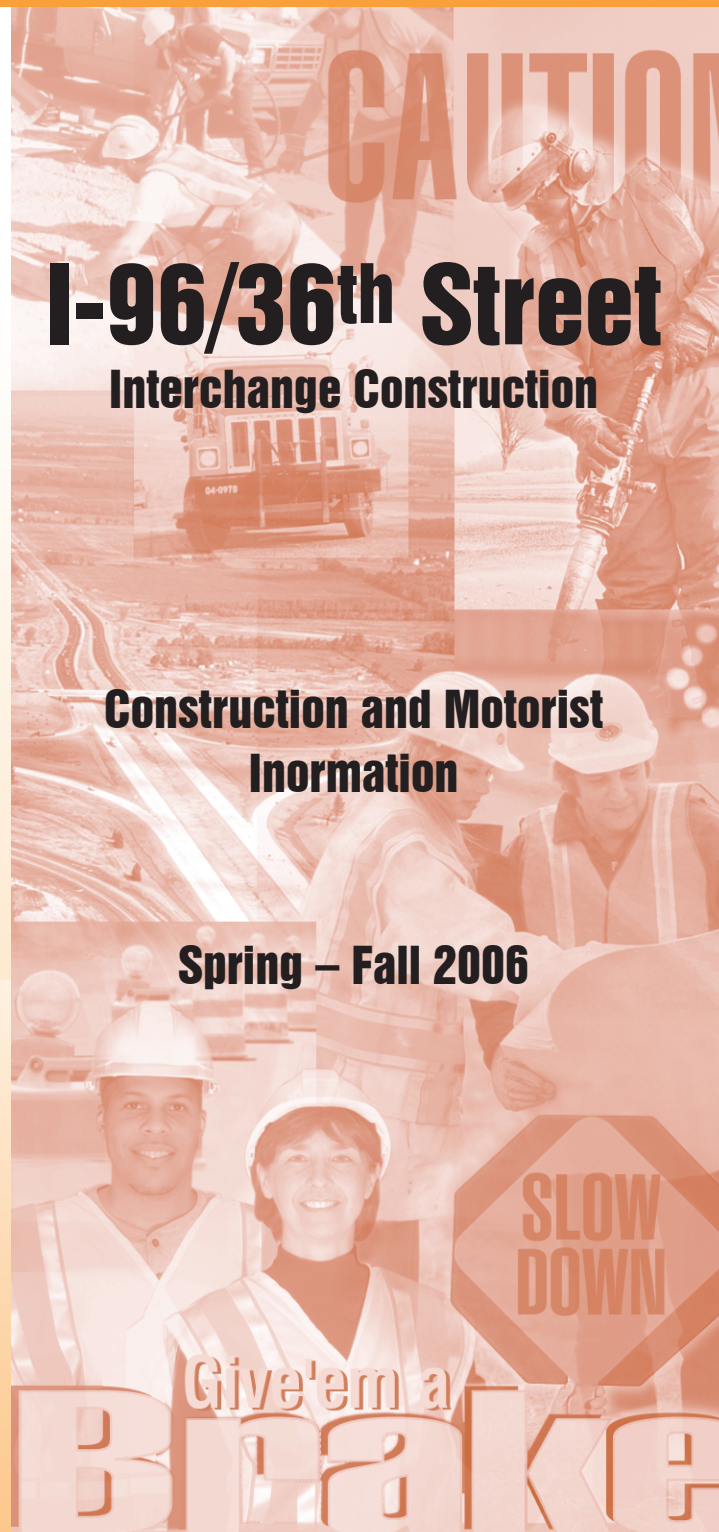
Because the average daily traffic on this section of I-96 exceeds 50,000 vehicles, a lane rental package has been incorporated into the contract. This means that the contractor will be charged an hourly rental fee of \$700 per lane for any lane closures on I-96 between 5 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily.

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## When Will This Be Done?

As with other extensive and highly successful projects in West Michigan, this work will be completed in stages to lessen the overall impact to motorists.

Eastbound I-96 and the new ramps to 36th Street Were completed in 2005. Work will resume in the spring of 2006 on westbound I-96 and continue throughout the summer with a project completion anticipated for September 2006.

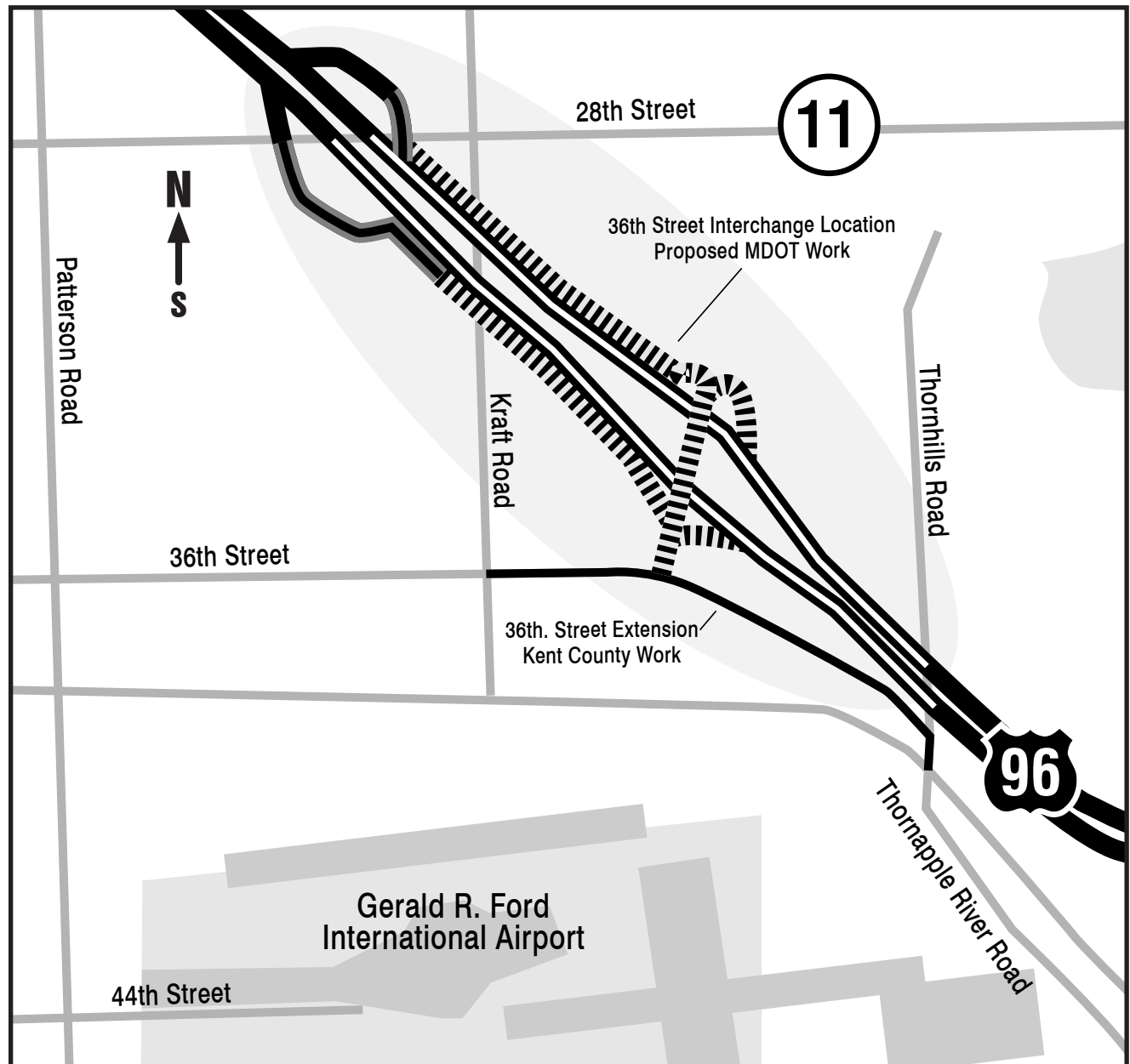
## Long-term Benefits

The construction of this interchange will serve motorists for many years to come. The construction of this interchange will improve access to the airport and help alleviate traffic and congestion on other state and local roads.




## How Will We Keep Motorists Informed?

MDOT is committed to keeping you informed about current and future lane closures, detour routes, and project updates. For lane closure information, visit the MDOT Web site at [www.michigan.gov/mdot](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot) or call MDOT's Road Repair Hotline at 616-482-PAVE [7238]. Electronic traffic updates also are available from the Office of Communications via e-mail. If you would like to be included on the electronic mailing list, contact Julie Hurley at [hurleyju@michigan.gov](mailto:hurleyju@michigan.gov).

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### I-96 Proposed 36th Street Interchange

-  28th Street Ramp Reconstruction
-  36th Interchange Location
-  I-96 Area of Reconstruction